	—	Agreement between India and Pakistan on Prevention of Air Space Violations and for Permitting overflights and landings by Military Aircrafts. (6.4.1991)
August 1992	—	Joint Declaration by the Republic of India and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on Complete Prohibiton of Chemical Weapons (19.8.1992)
	—	Code of Conduct for Treatment of Diplomatic/Consular personnel in India and Pakistan. 19.8.1992)
December 1998	—	An Agreement on Delhi-Lahore Bus service (3.12.99)
February 1999	—	Lahore Declaration (21.2.99)
	—	Memorandum of Understanding (21.2.99)
	—	Joint Statement (21.2.99)

People to People Relations between India and Pakistan

3402. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a number of steps to enhance peopole to people relations between India and Pakistan prior to Indo-Pak Summit in mid July, 2001;

(b) if so, the details of the major steps taken in this regard;

(c) whether Pakistan has reciprocated thereto; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) to (d) Government are of the view that steps that promote people-to-people contacts between India and Pakistan, will contribute to our desire to establish peaceful, friendly and cooperative ties with Pakistan.

On 4th July 2001, Government announced that 20 scholarships in Indian technical institutes would be offered to students from Pakistan; Pakistani poets, academics,writers and artistes will be invited individually

or in groups for a month long visit as guests of the Government of India; and, that groups of Pakistani students (from school and university, boys and girls) will be invited by the Government to visit and tour Indian academic establishments.

On 9th July 2001, Government announced further measures to make travel between India and Pakistan as simple and easy as possible. Pakistani passport holders will be allowed to come by the road route and obtain visas at the check post at Attari. An additional check post will be opened at Munabao, in Rajasthan. Similar check posts would also be opened at designated points along the IB and the LoC in Jammu & Kashmir.

On the sidelines of the "Third Special Session of the Standing Committee of SAARC Foreign Secretaries" held at Colombo (9 & 10 August 2001) Indian Foreign Secretary in a meeting with her Pakistani counterpart, expressed the hope that Pakistan will facilitate the implementation of these measures and would take similar steps of its own.

Expenditure on Indian Missions abroad

3403. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that expenditure on the maintenance of Indian Missions abroad is soaring up exorbitantly;

(b) if so, the expenditure that Government have incurred during the last five years on maintenance of Indian Missions abroad; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to reduce the expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) to (c) The total expenditure incurred by the Ministry on Indian Missions abroad during the last five years, year-wise, is given hereunder:—

Year	Expenditure (in Rs. Crores)	Expenditure (in mil. US$)
1996-97	510.15	141.4
1997-98	533.13	136.5
1998-99	629.26	147.5
1999-2000	660.02	150.6
2000-2001	698.28	149.3